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Wildland Fire Start at Great Basin National Park

BAKER, NV – The Strawberry Fire started on August 8, 2016 as a small 15 acre fire. Strong winds quickly caused rapid fire growth and it is estimated the fire is currently 3,000 to 5,000 acres. When possible, we will provide updated numbers.

Bureau of Land Management, Ely District, has responded with two pumpers with crews and a helicopter. Currently there are four engines, two crews and a helicopter are working the fire as conditions allow. Heavy smoke and unfavorable winds are a concern. Crews will be working for full fire suppression.

Wheeler Peak Campground is closed and the Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive is closed above Upper Lehman Creek Campground. The trail from Upper Lehman Creek Campground to Wheeler Peak Campground is closed. Please respect all closures. The launching, landing, or operation of unmanned aircraft is prohibited and impacts the ability of fire personnel to fight fires safely and effectively.

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